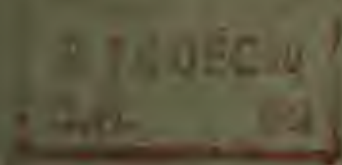


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THE ANNUAL REPORT

of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.



For the Year

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1959

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY:

Medical Officer of Health:

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Public Health Inspector (and Surveyor):

G. C. EDGINTON, M.A.P.H.I.

Commenced March 1959

Royal Sanitary Institute Certificates: -

1. Sanitary Inspector.
2. Meat and Other Foods.
3. Sanitary Science as applied to
buildings and public works.

Clerk

MISS E. BOWES



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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting for your consideration my Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of your District for the year 1959.

Once again I am indebted to Miss Bowes for providing the figures in the section of the report relating to the work of the Public Health Inspector.

While examining the table setting out the age distribution of deaths occurring in the District. I have been struck by the fact that while four out of every ten were of persons aged 75 years and over, a third were of persons aged between 25 and 64 years. An analysis of the causes of these deaths occurring in the prime of life shows that approximately one third were due to malignancy while another third were the result of diseases of the circulatory system, (i.e. heart and arteries). In the remaining third there were three suicidal and one accidental death. Much research into the causes of these diseases is needed, so that at least their onset can be delayed until a much later age.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking members of the Public Health and Housing Committee for their support during the year, and the staff of the Health and other Departments for their co-operation and assistance.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. WILSON

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	94,132
Number of inhabited houses (estimate)	2,495
Registrar-General's estimate of home population	7,380
Rateable Value	48,391
Sum represented by a penny rate	£189

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births.

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	70	47	117
Illegitimate	2	3	5
	<u>72</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>122</u>

Live Births

Number	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	122
Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16.53
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.1
Stillbirths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31.74
Total Live and still births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	121
Infants Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Infant Mortality Rates												
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8.20
Legitimate " " " " legitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8.55
Illegitimate " " " " illegitimate " "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Neo-natal mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total Live Births)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8.20
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live Births)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8.20
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40.98
Maternal Mortality (including Abortion)												
Number of deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Rate per 1,000 live and still births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Deaths.

	M.	F.	Total	
	44	43	87	11.79
Death Rate per 1,000				
Deaths from Heart Disease	15	14	29	3.93
Rate per 1,000 of the population				
Deaths from Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	4	9	13	1.76
Rate per 1,000 of the population				
Deaths from Cancer	9	8	17	2.30
Rate per 1,000 of the population				

Comparative Table of Birth and Death Rates during the Year 1959

Area	Live Births	Deaths	Deaths of children Under one year of age per 1,000 registered live births
(Rates per 1000 civilian Population)			
England and Wales	16.5	11.6	22.0
Administrative County	16.5	11.20	17.84
M.B.s and U.D.s	15.72	11.82	118.80
R.D.s	16.73	10.52	16.89

Table of Birth, Death and Infant Mortality Rates

Year	Crude Birth Rate	Corrected Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Correct Death Rate	Infant Mortality
1948	20.6	----	11.5	----	13.6
1949	20.3	----	15.4	----	34.7
1950	15.2	17.9	11.1	10.1	54.0
1951	21.0	24.8	12.7	11.6	44.0
1952	19.1	22.5	11.9	10.8	34.5
1953	16.39	19.3	10.8	9.8	24.2
1954	15.80	17.1	9.16	8.6	16.8
1955	19.17	20.70	10.65	10.02	41.7
1956	15.01	16.21	12.33	12.58	17.86
1957	15.97	17.09	13.26	13.53	16.95
1958	18.08	19.35	11.88	12.12	37.31
1959	16.53	17.69	11.79	12.03	8.20

Table showing Causes of Death in Norton R.D.C., 1959

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
All Causes	44	43	87
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-	1
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-	1
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	-	4
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	6	10
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	9	13
18. Coronary disease, angina	10	3	13
19. Hypertension with heart disease	1	1	2
20. Other heart disease	4	10	14
21. Other circulatory disease	3	4	7
22. Influenza	1	-	1
23. Pneumonia	2	1	3
24. Bronchitis	1	1	2
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1	1
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	3	4
33. Motor vehicle accidents	3	1	4
34. All other accidents	-	-	-
35. Suicide	3	1	4
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-

Table showing Age and Sex Distribution of Deaths, 1959.

							<u>Male</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 - 1 year	...	...	...	...	...		1	-	1
1 - 4 years	...	...	...	...	...		-	-	-
5 - 14 years	...	...	...	...	...		-	1	1
15 - 24 years	...	...	...	...	...		-	-	-
25 - 44 years	...	...	...	...	...		3	1	4
45 - 54 years	...	...	...	...	...		8	6	14
55 - 64 years	...	...	...	...	...		5	6	11
65 - 74 years	...	...	...	...	...		9	10	19
75+ years	...	...	...	...	...		18	19	37
Totals:							<u>44</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>87</u>
							<u>=</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>=</u>

Table showing Age and Sex Distribution of Deaths from Malignant Disease

							<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total.</u>
0 - 1 year	...	...	...	...	...		-	-	-
1 - 4 years	...	...	...	...	...		-	-	-
5 - 14 years	...	...	...	...	...		-	-	-
15 - 24 years	...	...	...	...	...		-	-	-
25 - 44 years	...	...	...	...	...		-	1	1
45 - 54 years	...	...	...	...	...		2	2	4
55 - 64 years	...	...	...	...	...		3	-	3
65 - 74 years	...	...	...	...	...		1	-	1
75+ years	...	...	...	...	...		3	5	8
							<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>17</u>
							<u>=</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>=</u>

Prevalence of, and Control over Infectious Disease .

Cases of Infectious Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)
notified during the year:-

Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic	Nil	(1)
Erysipelas	Nil	(1)
Food Poisoning	5	(Nil)
Measles	83	(10)
Pneumonia	2	(Nil)
Scarlet Fever	4	(9)
Whooping Cough	Nil	(4)

(Cases occurring in 1958 are shown in parenthesis)

Cases of infectious disease are admitted, when hospital treatment is necessary, to the Isolation Hospitals at York, Scarborough or Bridlington.

Tuberculosis

There were no cases of Tuberculosis notified during the year.

There was one death from pulmonary tuberculosis.

At the end of 1959, cases on the Tuberculosis Register were as follows:-

Pulmonary Males	17 cases
Non-Pulmonary Males	2 cases
Pulmonary Females	15 cases
Non-Pulmonary Females	3 cases
	<u>37 cases</u>

Vaccination against Smallpox.

The following table shows the number of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated during the year 1959

Age at Date of Vaccination:	Under 1	1 year	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Totals
Number Vaccinated	69	1	-	2	7	79
Number revaccinated	-	-	-	1	6	7

Immunisation against Diphtheria.

The figures for immunisation carried out during the year are as follows:-

Primary Immunisation:

Under 5	5 - 14	Total	Reinforcing Injections
86	-	86	21

Of the 86 children under five years of age who are shown as having been immunised against Diphtheria, 85 were at the same time immunised against Whooping Cough.

The following table shows the position as regards the total number of children who have been immunised at any one time, and also as regards those who have been immunised or re-immunised during the last five years.

Number of children who received primary or re-inforcing injections within the last 5 years (1955-59).			Number of children under 15 immunised more than 5 years ago (1945-54).	Total Number of Children Immunised 1945-59
Aged Under 5	Aged 5 to 14	Total	957	1,553
361	235	596		

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT.

Nursing.

A domiciliary nursing and midwifery service is available throughout the district, as part of the County Council's scheme under the National Health Service Act.

District Nurse/Midwives are stationed at Norton, Sherburn, Scagglethorpe and Wetwang.

Laboratory Facilities.

Bacteriological samples are examined at the Public Health Laboratories situated at Northallerton and Hull.

Routine samples of water are sent to the Laboratory at Hull for examination.

Ambulance Service.

Ambulances based at Scarborough, Filey and Malton are available and a car for sitting cases is sited at Weaverthorpe.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Child Welfare Clinics are held each month at Sherburn and Rillington.

An Ophthalmic Clinic is held monthly in Norton.

Clinics for the treatment of venereal disease are held each week at York and Scarborough.

Hospitals.

General medical and surgical cases are admitted to hospitals at Malton, Driffield, Scarborough and York.

Maternity cases are admitted to the Westow Croft Nursing Home, Westow.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

It has not been necessary to take any action under Section 47 of this Act during the year.

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Water Supplies.

Sixty-one samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examinations, forty-seven from the Council's supply and fourteen from private supplies. Of the Council's supply thirty-nine samples proved satisfactory and eight unsatisfactory. The unsatisfactory samples were taken from the Acklam and Stackhills supplies. The faults in these supplies were quickly traced and rectified.

After continuous bad samples being received from the private supply serving Thorpe Bassett it was decided to terminate the supply and the Council's mains now serve the village.

Refuse Collection.

The monthly collection of house refuse has continued. During the year the Council authorised the purchase of a Karrier Dual Tip refuse collection vehicle with a view to accelerating the service. Delivery of this vehicle would be in 1960.

The Council considered that the many and varied types of refuse containers used by householders considerably increased the time spent on collection. A scheme whereby the Council purchased a large quantity of standard type dustbins and made these available to householders on either a rechargeable or hire basis was adopted.

Following complaints of indiscriminate tipping by the public it was decided that the tip at Sherburn should be made available for the public to deposit refuse on Saturday mornings at a charge of 2/6 per load.

Sewerage.

All the existing sewage works have continued to give, in the main satisfactory effluents.

During the year the new sewerage scheme at Weaverthorpe came into operation, and so far is functioning satisfactory.

The Council have programmed the following new sewerage schemes:

- 1960 - Sherburn and Foxholes
- 1961 - Burythorpe and Thixendale
- 1962 - Settrington and Scagglethorpe
- 1963 - Heslerton and Ganton.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Complaints respecting rat infestation have been attended to by the Council's sewage works attendant. Several minor infestations have been reported and dealt with. Sewers, ditches, refuse tips and other Council property are regularly inspected and treated when necessary. Baiting in the sewers show very little take.

Following upon the decision of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to cease giving a disinfection service to farmers the Council decided to retain the services of a former employee of the Ministry, now contracting privately, as and when required. A small retaining fee of £5 per annum is paid to obtain priority service from this Contractor.

Shops Act, 1950.

No contraventions under the above act were notified during the year.

Camping Sites.

No sites are licensed as such and only four individual moveable dwellings are licensed.

Factories Act, 1937.

No contraventions under the above Act were noted during the year.

Offensive Trades.

There are three Knackers Yards within the district; fat melting is carried on at two of these and the preparation of hound food at the third.

Slaughterhouses.

Five private slaughterhouses were in use during the year.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958.

Eighteen persons in the district are licensed under the above Act to slaughter animals.

Milk Supply - Registration of Persons and Premises.

The following licences have been granted by the District Councils.

Sterilised (Supplementary)	1.
Sterilised (Dealers)	5.

Pasteurised (Supplementary)	1.
Pasteurised (Dealers)	8.
Tuberculin Tested (Supplementary)	2.
Tuberculin Tested (Dealers)	3.

Foods and Drugs Act, 1955.

Registration of premises under Section 16:-

Ice cream dealers	29.
Meat preparation	6.
Fish Friers	4.

Meat Inspection.

100% meat inspection was carried out during the year

Carcases and Offal inspected and
condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses.
Number killed	458	-	5	970	469	-
Number inspected	458	-	5	970	469	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned.	2	-	1	25	4	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	52	-	-	20	5	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuber- culosis or cysticercosis	11.79"	-	20%	4.64%	.19%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:-</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	-	-	-	-

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	23	-	-	2 ;	18	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	5.22%	-	-	.022%	.017%	-
<u>Cysticercosis:</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

The introduction of the new Act in respect of grants does not seem to have increased the demand. Thirty-seven applications were received during the year as against thirty-five in 1958. Of the applications received, twenty-nine were for discretionary grants and eight for standard grants; all of these were approved.

Demolition of Houses.

Nineteen condemned properties were demolished during the year, nine at Sherburn, eight at Thixendale and two at Weaverthorpe.

Demolition orders were made on four unfit properties at Leavening, and one at Sherburn.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1937 and 1948

Part 1 of the Act.

1 - INSPECTION for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	17	4	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	32	8	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-worker's premises)	Nil	-	-	-
Total	49	12	-	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of work (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
- Nil Return -						

